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REMINGTON GUARDS SCATTER AS "SPY" CHARGES AT THEM

Fifty of Munitions Plant Army
Routed Near Camp
In Woods.

"Halt, who goes there?" thundered the husky voice of a guard, who, for convenience sake, we'll call Michael McCarthy, station at Camp Dodge on the outskirts of the grove wherein is contained the powder magazines of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co., in upper East Bridgeport. It was a bright moonlight night and the owls were hooting in all their glory and the babbling brook that flows by the powder reservation and through the meadows of the town farm with its thunderous roaring as it sweeps over the stones to the foot of old Success Hill, was all that relieved the monotony of the evening's watch.

Guard McCarthy was sitting on a fallen tree on the banks of the stream while his partner in guarding, Percival Maloney, was stirring up the coals on a fire that is used to keep the guards warm during the cold evenings now at hand.

McCarthy has been a resident of this country for only eight months and as he watched the water of the brook softly ripple, he was entranced. The sound of the ripples almost told him what the old folks were now doing back in Connemara. He knew that the annual fair at Donnybrook had concluded and he was wondering as to the number of prizes won by his Daddy, who always sent a large number of animals and prize fowl to the Donnybrook fair. McCarthy was sure that "Neddie" the grey donkey, would surely take a prize at this year's fair and he was longing for a letter from home when suddenly a dark grey object was seen to flitter across a stretch of moonlight within the very stockade of wire fence erected about the powder reservation. It was then that McCarthy shouted "halt, who goes there?"

Maloney was now on his feet and the penetrating eyes of McCarthy pierced the dark woods in an effort to locate the prowler who might be a German spy with intent to cause damage or procure plans of the fortification of Fort Hartley Dodge and the surrounding vicinity.

Again the command of "halt, who goes there?" emanated from the lips of the ever alert McCarthy and again there was no answer save the cracking of a twig and the rattle of a cobblestone as it went rolling down the bank of the stream and wound up with a loud splash in the waters of the town farm stream.

The matter now took on a serious aspect and the two guards became suspicious when after shouting the third command no answer was forthcoming.

"Maloney, call the reserves," ordered Sergeant Michael McCarthy and Maloney called them with a series of "halloos" that made the welkin ring. In a moment a squad of reservation guards to the number of 30 appeared on the scene and they proceeded to surround the person who had the audacity to enter there.

Slowly the body of guards crept forward. Inch by inch they advanced and soon were within gunshot distance of the intruder. Now they halted and again they started at orders from Sergeant McCarthy. And they halted as they neared the hidden prowler and for the fourth and last time the sergeant ordered the hidden prey to "advance and give the counter-signal," but there was no answer.

McCarthy now gave orders to prepare. The advancing body of guards was now only ten feet from the suspicious character, when orders were given to swoop down upon the enemy and capture him dead or alive.

As the squadron of Remington guards was on the point of charging, a demoniac roar and snort was heard and from the depths of the woods was seen advancing a full grown buck deer with its nostrils dilated, its horns glistening in the moonlight, and froth dropping from its mouth.

The buck advanced to within five feet of the oncoming guards, and then as if challenging the men it bent its head low to the ground and charged upon them. "Safety first" was the motto and the body of guardians of Port Hartley Dodge dropped their guns and ran for their lives.

During the mad run for safety coats were lost, hats blown from the heads of the guards and guns were discarded.

During the fight many of the guards received abrasions which will incapacitate them from duty for some time. Black eyes were received from crashing into the heavy trunk of oak trees. Chestnut burrs penetrated their clothing. The story is the talk of the ammunition factory and any guard who figured in the escapade hangs his head in shame when the matter is being discussed.

**Industrial Exhibition
In Korea Successful**

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 10—The big industrial exhibition organized by the Japanese government was closed yesterday after having been visited by 500,000 people. The general impression is that both the Korean and Japanese have had their eyes open to the vast amount of hidden wealth awaiting exploitation in Korea and that a great impetus has been given to industrial and commercial initiative.



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BUDDHIST MONKS CONFERS WITH SON OF YUAN SHI-KAI

Meeting of Notables Is Widely
Discussed in Press of
the Orient.

Beijing, Dec. 10—Yuan Kuo-tung, the eldest son of President Yuan Shi-kai, recently had an audience with H. Yen, the well known Buddhist monk who has been holding religious revivals in Peking. Details of this meeting have been widely reported in the Chinese press and are causing much comment because of political significance.

The president's son is reported to have told the monk that for several years he suffered an illness which compelled him to give up all aspirations for worldly affairs, and to devote himself to the study of Buddhist writings, but as soon as he grasped the essential principles of these sacred teachings, he found his health greatly improved.

H. Yen replied that a man's earthly existence is anything but real. "However," he continued, "as your highness occupies such a position and some day you will have the responsibility of the whole nation on your shoulders, it is my highest hope that your highness will take care of your health so as to enable you to serve your country in the coming days. A man's spiritual and secular duties are not irreconcilable."

Yuan Kuo-tung responded: "If some day the responsibility of the whole nation is thrust on my shoulders, I shall faithfully serve the country." At the request of H. Yen, the president's son promised to become the defender of the Buddhist faith, and to use his best efforts to promote the Buddhist religion in China.

SHANGHAI IS REFUGE OF CHINESE CRIMINALS WHO BEAT COPS FOR FUN

Shanghai, Dec. 10—China's appeal to the foreign powers to preserve the peace in portions of the republic beyond Chinese jurisdiction is somewhat justified by conditions in Shanghai. This city is a refuge for criminals and outlaws from various parts of China and many of them are desperate enough to undertake any criminal commission. The municipal authorities issued more than twelve hundred warrants late in September, a record for this season. Chinese crooks enjoy life in Shanghai jail. It affords a pleasant home in winter, and offers better food than Chinese coolies are accustomed to.

There is considerable agitation here for the restoration of flogging in an effort to discourage leaders from seeking jail sentences. No other part of China is as lenient to criminals as Shanghai. Under Chinese law, they are flogged for small offenses and are excused for serious ones. Here in Shanghai, jail sentences and comfortable lodging make law-breaking very attractive. Recently there have been many cases of Chinese actually assaulting policemen for the sole purpose of getting locked up during the winter.

NORWAY'S PAPER MILLS THRIVE ON WAR DEMANDS

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 10—Prices on all sorts of paper in Norway have gone up thirty to forty per cent. and are still on the increase. Some sorts can not be manufactured by the Norwegian paper mills, as, for instance, blue paper, for want of blue dye-stuff, which usually is supplied by Germany.

The central valleys in Norway are great lumber districts, much like Northern Minnesota. The principal trees are pine and evergreen and, thanks to the numerous cellulose and paper mills, which have been built, in the last fifteen or twenty years, the value of the wood has increased considerably. So many foreign factories had to stop because of the war, prices on the products from the Norwegian plants have gone up—in cellulose \$40 a ton before the war to \$70 a ton now.

The American Sheet & Tinplate Co., 14 Parrel, Pa., wanted a 20 per cent. increase to all its employees.

SWISS ART TREASURES NOW HEAVILY INSURED

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 10—A million and a quarter dollars insurance against damage to artistic treasures as the result of air-raids has been taken out by the Swiss government and private people at Basel. A great many valuable paintings, tapestries, and art objects have been taken from museums and private houses and placed in cellars since the dropping of bombs at Chaux-de-Fonds by German aviators who had gone astray.

The passage of French or German aviators near Basel is now almost a daily occurrence. The French, taking that route toward the Rhine, and the Germans, bound for Belfort. The people of Basel are probably the best posted in the world regarding prospective air-raids, as in nearly every such case the aviators pass in plain sight of the city in squadrons.

FRENCH GIRLS LIVE ON 15 CENTS DAILY

Nancy, France, Dec. 10—Eighty young girls from Pont-a-Mousson, from Gerbevillers, from Nomeny, from Alsace and different parts of Lorraine are passing their exile here in Nancy, learning domestic economy in a building in which the Germans made cheap soup before the war.

"How to live on 15 cents a day and have a little something over," is the essence of the problem the girls have to solve. In doing it they begin at the market, learning how to buy then the value and uses of what they have bought and how to set the most out of it.

The work also includes designing, cutting and sewing.

"We owe it to the soldiers who are fighting that when they return to their destroyed families they will find that their children have been neither abandoned nor neglected, but that during their absence they have received the training and education that will enable them to face the future with courage and confidence," said President Mirman to the correspondent, after showing him the work rooms.

KILLING AND EATING DEER.

To the Editor of The Courier—After reading that open letter to the Connecticut Humane society published in "The Courier" of November 20, about the "Idiotic Deer Law," written by E. Powers of Westport, we were under the impression that that poor man was suffering from heart trouble brought on by worrying about the humanity of the farmers treating the deer to the deer, but since the other letter, written by Senator George F. McLean, published in "The Courier" of December 4, we have come to the conclusion that it is not his heart that is troubling him, but that it is just plain stomachache, caused by lack of good deer meat. Now, we are sorry indeed for him, as we do not see how he is going to get any, surely the farmers will not fall over each other to hand him a piece after his attack upon them, and if the land owner is not allowed to sell his venison he cannot get it at the market, and unless he can down this "Idiotic, unrighteous, iniquitous, atrocious, outrageous, two-faced, inhuman deer law," there does not appear to be much hope for him, for certainly his condition must be critical.

In his letter published November 20 he says that the deer are a valuable asset to the state, but they have not been to the farmers, and we fail to see what value there is in them except for the table. We agree that

they are beautiful creatures, and so are other animals that we slaughter. One morning I looked out of my window and saw one looking at me with great beautiful, innocent-looking eyes, but when later I went into my garden and saw that he had breakfasted on my vegetables I did not think he was half as innocent as he looked. But the deer must eat and so must the dear farmers, and all of them God's creatures.

Let us not suppose for a moment that the farmers and land owners are the only ones that shoot deer, for there are ten deer shot by trespassers who roam over the farmers' premises and destroy fences and leave the remains of many deer after taking what they want, and we would like to ask in all common sense and fairness, who is entitled to venison for his table if not the farmer who has fed them? (From a Woman of the Farm) Stafford Springs, Dec. 6.

ENGLAND SCARED BY LOWERED BIRTHRATE

London, Dec. 10—Striking contradictory opinions were expressed at a recent meeting of the Royal Sanitary Institute concerning whether the threatened decrease of babies, as a result of the war, should be regarded as a calamity or a blessing.

The subject discussed was labelled: "The National and Social Aspects of the Lowered Birth-Rate." Some of the speakers demanded that the government should take the matter in hand and do everything possible to encourage and popularize maternity. Others—though it should be stated they were in a minority—held that the fewer babies born, for sometime to come at least, the better it would be for the country. Two speakers may be cited as representative of these divergent views.

Sir John Cockburn urged the need of greater inducements to raise the birth-rate. Maternity, he said, now involved too heavy a tax on the poor or classes. He would have the government provide bonuses on a liberal scale for maternity and make a substantial reduction in the income tax for each child born. "We need," he declared, "to revive the mediaeval view which regarded sterility as a curse."

Dr. Dunlop boldly took the Malthusian view. He looked forward, he declared, with cheerfulness, to a further reduction of the birth-rate. The encouragement of "parental prudence" among the poor was urgently needed at the present moment. He foretold a serious rise in the death rate and great poverty in the next year or two, and if the thoughtful scientific people were so blind that they did not speak out, it would be far better for many children that had never been born. The only hope of avoiding great hardship in the first few years after the war was by a very sharp fall in the birthrate now.

RISES FROM PRIVATE TO COMMAND IN YEAR

London, Dec. 10—The most rapidly promoted man in the British army is Lieutenant-Colonel W. E. Austin of the 17th Reserve Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment, who enlisted as a private in that regiment on August 30, 1914. He enlisted as a stranger, with only some militia experience behind him, and rose rapidly through the non-commissioned ranks to a commission, and then from quartermaster to adjutant, then company commander and battalion adjutant with the result that at the end of eleven months, he was commanding a regiment.

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English Generals Resign "For Personal Reasons"

London, Dec. 10—Sir James Willcocks has resigned the command of the Indian Corps on the western front for "personal reasons." A lieutenant-general since 1908 he was senior to Sir Douglas Haig until the latter was made a full general last November. For similar reasons, so far as the public knows, General Smith-Dorrien left the front several months ago.

Henry H. Fletcher, United States Ambassador to Chile, is expected to be appointed to Ambassador to Mexico.

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